Program Eligibility

There are three eligibility requirements:

- An applicant must be a survivor of actual or threatened sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking/harassment who fears for his or her safety. Anyone who lives with an enrolling survivor and needs to participate in the program in order to keep the survivor safe, can be enrolled as a co-applicant. All applicants and co-applicants who are age eighteen or older (including dependent adult children) must participate in the application process and sign the application forms.
- 2. The survivor must provide evidence of victimization. There are many ways to meet this requirement. Evidence examples include (but are not limited to) police reports, temporary or permanent protection orders, agency documents, or a letter from a professional who has provided the survivor with counseling, referral, or other services.
- 3. The survivor must have relocated within the past 90 days or be planning to relocate. The best time to enroll is when a survivor is planning to move to a location unknown to their abuser or has recently moved and has not yet created any public records.

Other factors

Even if you meet the above eligibility criteria, there are some other factors that may determine whether the ACP is right for you and if it should be part of your safety plan. Other factors include:

- Does your abuser know your location? If so, and you do not plan to move, the program will not help you.
- Will the use of a substitute address help minimize a particular danger or risk?
- Do you own property? The substitute address cannot be used for property titles or mortgage information.
- Are you willing to make sure that the ACP knows how to locate you for as long as you are enrolled in the program?
- Are you willing to make the program your agent for service of process and receipt of mail? [This
 means that when the ACP receives a certified document or subpoena on your behalf, you have
 legally accepted that document].
- Are you willing to have your mail delayed? Mail can be delayed by two or three days.
- Are you willing to give up receiving magazines by mail? The ACP is not able to forward magazines or packages.